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Applicant: Toshio OHBA et al. Conf.: 5028
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For: PREPARATION OF OPTICAL FIBER

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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February 23, 2005

Sir:

In the "Reasons for Allowance", the Examiner alleges that "... for Claim 7 (currently amended), the prior art cited (Petisce 5,000,772) ... states a magnetic field of 2000 Gauss (0.2T) is used to enhance polymerization of a coating material. This falls within applicant's claim of the magnetic field having a magnetic flux density of at least 0.01 T."

In their Amendment filed November 10, 2004, however, Applicants had argued that:

All of the claims presently in the application require - among other things - providing a magnetic field having a magnetic flux density of at least 0.1 T in a zone while an

optical fiber passes through that zone under substantially atmospheric pressure. Neither Wilson nor Robinson nor Nygard nor Chawla nor any combination thereof teaches or suggests providing a magnetic field having a magnetic flux density of at least 0.1 T in a zone while an optical fiber passes through that zone under substantially atmospheric pressure.


To the extent that the Examiner's position quoted above is inconsistent with Applicants' position quoted above, Applicants respectfully contend that their position is controlling with respect to the allowance of claim 1 herein, which recites a magnetic flux density of at least 0.1 T but which does not recite an electric field strength of at least 0.1 KV/mm.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the (703) 205-8008.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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